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DEQ issues new pesticides general permit

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has issued a new Pesticides General Permit, effective as of Oct. 31, 2011. The permit was issued to coincide with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Pesticide General Permit, which was also finalized on Oct. 31.

The DEQ General Permit incorporates existing pesticide control measures, which are currently being managed by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. The permit provides for reporting, inspection and compliance monitoring activities under the supervision of DEQ. The DEQ Pesticides General Permit does not apply to facilities already covered by a current Louisiana Pollution Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Permit.

Discharge and usage of pesticides by individuals, groups and facilities in Louisiana must be consistent with this and other issued and applicable LPDES permits; or federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act requirements (located on the container), in addition to all other applicable Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry regulations governing pesticide use and discharge.

There will be no requirement for a Pesticides General Permit Notice of Intent (application) to be submitted to DEQ, because the requirements are covered through the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's certification and licensing process. DEQ's Pesticides General Permit incorporates the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry's regulations by reference.

For more information and to review the permit please see DEQ's Water Permits Division Web page: <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/DIVISIONS/WaterPermits.aspx>, or contact Bruce Fielding at 225-219-3231, or Melvin Mitchell at 225-219-3197.

Frequently asked questions and answers can be found at:

<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/Portals/0/permits/lpdes/pdf/Pesticides%20FAQs%2010-31-11.pdf>.